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BSNL SIM CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the BSNL sim cards are being made available to consumers on demand ;

(b) If not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) Whether the sim cards are allegedly being sold at double rates in many States ;

(d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(e) The action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) The number of Government as well as Private consumers who availed the mobile connections of BSNL during the last two years ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) BSNL SIM Cards (Mobile connections) are being released on demand in most parts of the country except in few Licensed Service areas namely North East, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh State, where there is a waiting list due to shortage of network capacity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

(f) 1,19,09,644 mobile connections of BSNL were taken by Government as well as private consumers during the last two financial years. Also during the current financial year, 48,90,293 mobile connections have been released by BSNL.